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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS: REINFORCED NAC'S ON
MIDDLE EAST, LOS, EAST-WEST RELATIONS

REFS: A) USNATO 6087; B) STATE 264461

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EARLY 1976 WOULD BE BETTER
TIME FOR REINFORCED NAC ON MIDDLE EAST RATHER THAN LATTER
HALF OF NOVEMBER (PARA 8, REF A), GIVEN PRESENT STATE OF
PLAY IN ME.

2. UNDOF MANDATE ON ISRAEL-SYRIA FRONT EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30,
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AND QUESTION OF WHETHER SYRIA WILL AGREE TO EXTENSION

MEANWHILE REMAINS OPEN. THUS, OVERALL SITUATION IN ME WILL
QUITE POSSIBLY BE IN SENSITIVE PERIOD UNTIL NOVEMBER 30,
AND PERHAPS BEYOND. IN ADDITION, SINAI AGREEMENT WILL STILL
BE IN EARLY STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION AT THAT TIME.
FINALLY, IT IS DOUBTFUL OUR OWN INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS
WILL HAVE ADVANCED TO A POINT THAT WILL MAKE MEANINGFUL
U.S. INPUT POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,
LAST TWO WEEKS IN NOVEMBER DOES NOT APPEAR FAVORABLE TIME
TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST AT REINFORCED NAC, AND IN ANY CASE
IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR US
POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS TO ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM WASHINGTON

DURING WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE VERY DELICATE PERIOD.

3. WE BELIEVE EARLY JANUARY WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE FOR
MIDDLE EAST REINFORCED NAC AS ME SITUATION, WE HOPE,
WILL BE SOMEWHAT CLEARER BY THEN. EARLY JANUARY SESSION
WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW-UP ON ME
DISCUSSIONS AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL.

4. ADDITIONALLY, WE WISH TO CONTINUE TO PLAN ON
REINFORCED NAC ON LAW OF THE SEA FOR LATE JANUARY OR
EARLY FEBRUARY, BEFORE LOS CONFERENCE IN MARCH.

5. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH SYG LUNS AND APPROPRIATE
ALLIES ON SCHEDULING ME AND LOS REINFORCED NAC'S AS
INDICATED ABOVE, WITH AIM TO SETTING DATES FOR THESE
TWO REINFORCED SESSIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER MINISTERIAL.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH US-PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF EAST-
WEST RELATIONS IN RESTRICTED SESSION AT DECEMBER
MINISTERIAL (REF B), WE WISH TO CONTINUE TO KEEP OPEN
QUESTION OF REINFORCED NAC ON THIS SUBJECT AS POSSIBLE
FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL DELIBERATIONS. THUS, YOU
SHOULD INDICATE OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN REINFORCED
NAC ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS AS QUESTION ARISES, NOTING
THAT REINFORCED COUNCIL MEETING MIGHT BE LOGICAL
FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS.

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